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LB 75, 536

SENATOR CONNEALY: I would like to withdraw that, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, I now have AM2141 offered by Senator Chambers and other members. (Legislative Journal page 2204.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this amendment would strike all of the original material from LB 75 and any and all amendments. What you see on your gadget would replace the contents of LB 75. It is identical to what we discussed the other evening on Senator Wickersham's future bill. It was determined after some discussion that his bill, it being his priority bill, ought not to be victimized by me and the effort I was undertaking to find a vehicle for our employees retirement program. Senator Connealy agreed to allow LB 75 to be used for that purpose. LB 75 is Senator Connealy's priority bill. I withdrew my pending amendment from Senator Wickersham's bill, and that brings us to where we are now. So that the whole story is clear, there were two ethanol bills before the Legislature. The other is LB 536. LB 536, I am pretty sure is going to pass now. We had negotiations, Senator Connealy, Senator Dierks, Senator Wehrbein and myself, and we reached an accord on that bill. Senator Connealy graciously agreed to sacrifice LB 75 for the greater good. That is why his bill is being used for this purpose. It has not lost its priority status, so when he agreed to allow this bill to be used, I went around the floor and shared with as many of you as I could find that day what was going to be attempted on Senator Connealy's bill. I emphasized that he is in agreement and wanted to get as many cosponsors to the amendment as I could and we wound up with about 30. What I would like to see us do is adopt this amendment. Senator Wickersham, Senator Wehrbein, the Speaker, myself, Senator Bourne were closeted for a good period of time and we had some lively discussion. I don't know where we are precisely with regard to those discussions because there were two types of approaches being looked at. One dealt with amendments that Senator Wickersham was having drafted which at